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Ref: 2234-24031

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Hackberry Zone, Reservoirs A and B  
**PHOENIX LAKE FIELD**  
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: The Meridian Resource &  
Exploration, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hackberry Zone, Reservoirs A and B, in the Phoenix Lake Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 315 acres each for the Hackberry Zone, Reservoirs A and B, designated as the HBY RA-SUA AND HBY RB SUA, Phoenix Lake Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in units production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Hackberry Zone in the Phoenix Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,990 feet (9687' TVD) and 12,188 feet (11607' TVD) (electrical log measurements) in the Kerr McGee Oil-E. W. Brown No. 1 Well, located in Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 13 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 2, 2006. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates presented the plan of applicant, including surveyed corners on the eastern part of the units. Mr. David Sturlese, on behalf of the Gray Estate presented a plan of 370 acres in each unit. Questions were asked and answered. There may be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the HBY RA SUA AND HBY RB SUA, Phoenix Lake Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed units can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments  
cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

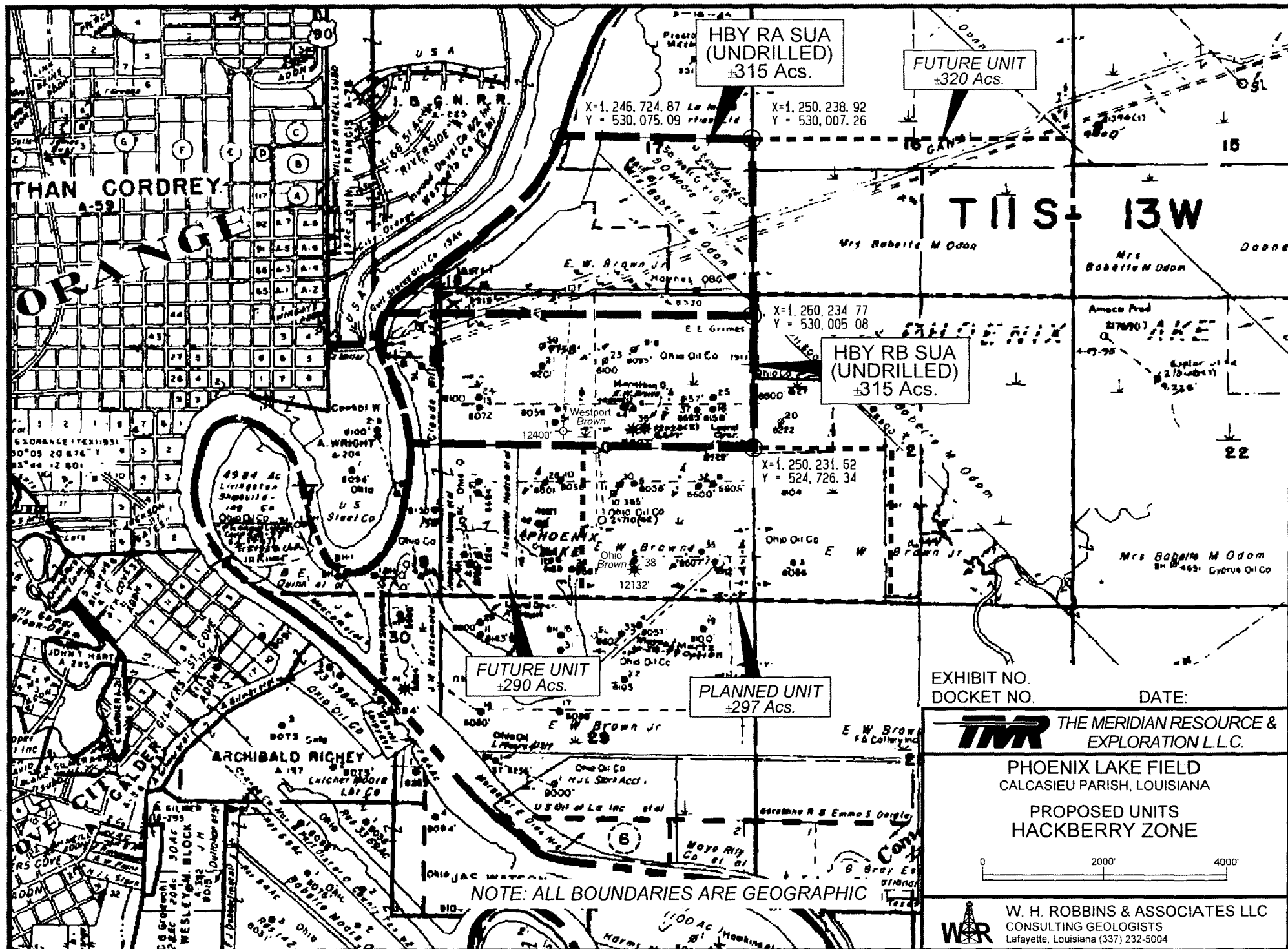
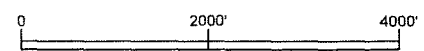


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**TMR** THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION L.L.C.

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CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS  
HACKBERRY ZONE



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